IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI GREENVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VERSUS

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 4:05CR63-P-B

ROBERT STEVENSON

ORDER

This cause is before the Court on the defendant's Motion for Continuance. The Court, having reviewed the motion and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds as follows, to-wit:

The trial of this matter is currently set for June 27, 2005. Counsel for defendants seek a continuance in order to complete additional investigation and to consult more fully with their respective clients. The government does not object to the requested continuance. Based on the foregoing, the Court finds that the defendants' motions are well-taken and should be granted.

The above circumstances enable the Court to exclude, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), the period of delay from June 27, 2005 until the new trial date to be set in this matter. The time is excludable under subsection (h)(8)(A) because, given the circumstances described above, a continuance is necessary to afford defendants additional time to investigate and prepare their defenses to the charges at issue. Therefore, the ends of justice served by the granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that

1. The defendant's Motion for Continuance is GRANTED;

- 2. That the trial of this matter is continued until Monday, August 29, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the United States District Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi;
- 3. That the delay from June 27, 2005 until August 29, 2005 is excluded as set out above;
- 4. That the deadline for filing pretrial motions is August 8, 2005;
- 5. That the deadline for submitting a plea agreement is August 15, 2005.

SO ORDERED, this the 10th day of June, 2005

/s/ W. Allen Pepper, Jr.
W. ALLEN PEPPER, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE